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Dear Rev. Lyim Hong-Tiong and Rev. Tan Beng-Ch,

We received the news regarding the earthquake that struck the East Coast of Hualien City and Hualien County in Taiwan with deep concern and sadness. On behalf of the World Council of Churches and the Ecumenical family throughout the world, we express our solidarity and prayerful thoughts for the people and churches in the region. We pray for the communities and families who have lost their lives in this disaster and for the healing and recovery of those who have been hurt and displaced. We are also praying for the protection and wellbeing of all those who are involved with the disaster relief and recovery efforts.

*We pray with you-
'Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!'
(Psalm 130: 1,2)*

We are inspired by the prompt and substantive responses by the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan to this crisis. As the people of Taiwan approach the Lunar New Year, may the love of God bring succour, solidarity, and warmth to people affected by this crisis.

God heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds. (Psalm 147:3)

In continuing solidarity with you,

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit
General Secretary